

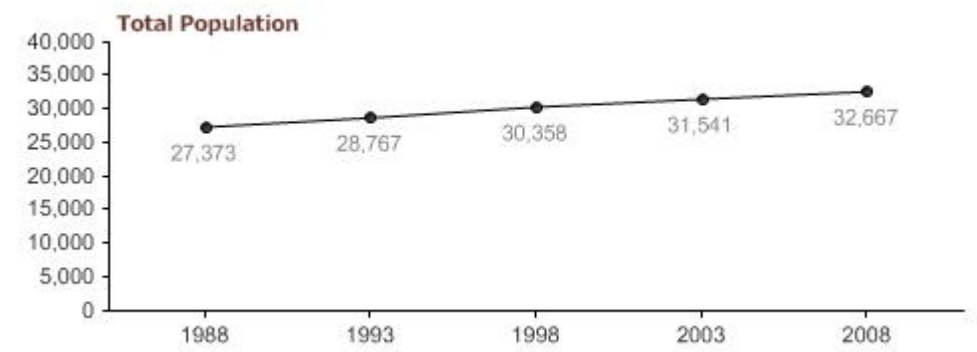
Whitley County, IN Highlights

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Overview	Population	Education	Commuting	Labor Force	Industry	Income	Firm Size

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	27,373	28,767	30,358	31,541	32,667
Change Since 1988		1,394	2,985	4,168	5,294
Pct. Change Since 1988		5.1%	10.9%	15.2%	19.3%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-28
International Migration	7
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	155
Births	446
Deaths	291

A bar chart titled "Components of Change" showing the breakdown of population change from 2007 to 2008. The x-axis lists the components: Domestic Migration, International Migration, and Natural Increase. The y-axis represents the number of people, ranging from -100 to 200. The bars are colored blue for Domestic Migration, red for International Migration, and green for Natural Increase.

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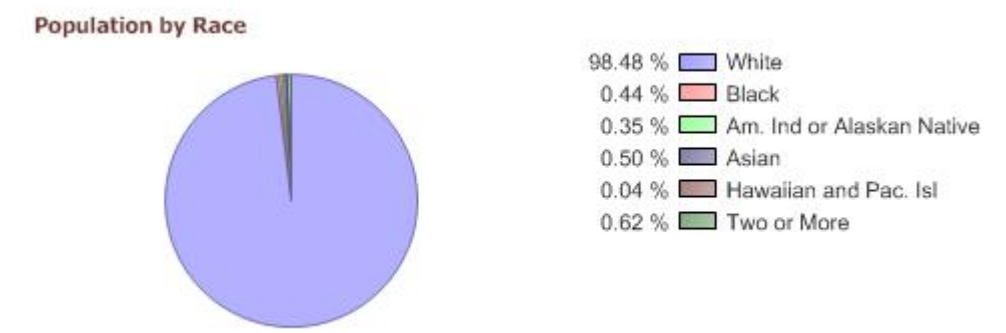
Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	2,138	6.6%
School Age	5,879	18.1%
College Age	2,711	8.3%
Young Adult	8,729	26.8%
Older Adult	8,970	27.6%
Older (65 plus)	4,228	13.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	114	0.4%
Asian Alone	162	0.5%
Black Alone	142	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	12	0.0%
White Alone	32,022	98.5%
Two or More Race Groups	203	0.6%



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	32,290	99.3%
Hispanic or Latino	365	1.1%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

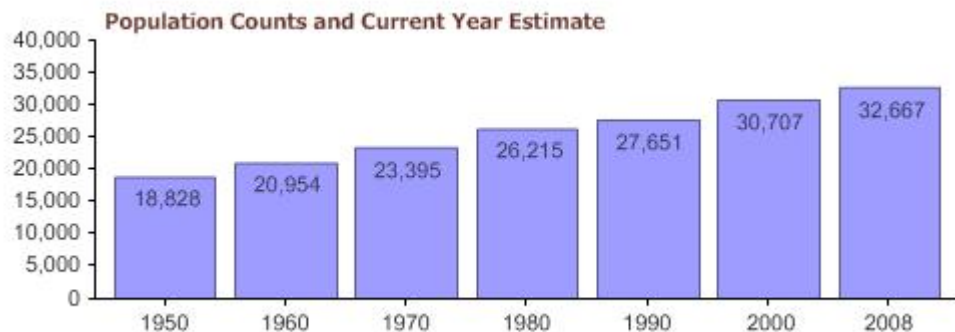
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	11,711	100.0%
Family Households	8,605	73.5%
Married with Children	3,149	26.9%
Married without Children	4,026	34.4%
Single Parents	889	7.6%
Other	541	4.6%
Non-family Households	3,106	26.5%
Living Alone	2,622	22.4%
Average Household Size	2.62	
Average Family Household Size	3.57	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical	Pct. Chg.
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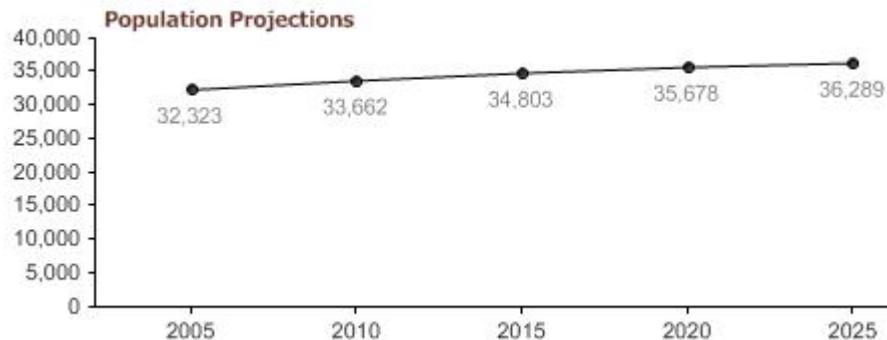
		Chg.	
1950	18,828	NA	NA
1960	20,954	2,126	11.3%
1970	23,395	2,441	11.6%
1980	26,215	2,820	12.1%
1990	27,651	1,436	5.5%
April 2000	30,707	3,056	11.1%
2008	32,667	1,960	6.4%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	32,323	33,662	34,803	35,678	36,289
Change Since 2005		1,339	2,480	3,355	3,966
Pct. Change Since 2005		4.1%	7.7%	10.4%	12.3%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center